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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE EVERGREEN ULTRA SHORT OPPORTUNITIES FUND SECURITIES LITIGATION Civil Action No. 08-11064-NMG

Expert Report of Edward S. O'Neal, Ph.D. and Craig J. McCann, Ph.D. October 10, 2011

I. Qualifications and remuneration

- 1. Qualifications of Edward S. O'Neal, Ph.D.
- 1. Dr. O'Neal is a Principal with Securities Litigation and Consulting Group ("SLCG") in Fairfax, Virginia. SLCG provides consulting on a broad range of litigation issues related to securities, investments and the capital markets. Dr. O'Neal has personally been retained to provide expert witness services on over 200 matters in State and Federal courts and various arbitration forums. Details of his qualifications are listed in his resume which is attached as Exhibit 1 to this report.

- 2. Dr. O'Neal was a senior financial economist in the Office of Economic Analysis at the Securities and Exchange Commission from 1998 through 1999. While there, Dr. O'Neal worked primarily with SEC staff members in the Division of Investment Management which is the Division of the SEC that oversees the mutual fund industry. Dr. O'Neal advised the Commission on the economic impact of regulatory and policy changes as they related to mutual funds, closed end funds and investment management companies.
- 3. Since leaving the SEC, Dr. O'Neal has been hired as an expert witness in 5 separate cases by SEC enforcement offices. These cases involve topics similar to those which Dr. O'Neal has testified about in court and arbitration cases: mutual fund selling practices, broker churning in stocks and mutual funds, earnings manipulation fraud, and mis-pricing of closed end funds.
- 4. Dr. O'Neal held tenure track faculty positions at three universities from 1993 through 2007. While on the faculty of the University of New Hampshire, Auburn University and Wake Forest University, Dr. O'Neal taught undergraduate and graduate students classes in Investments and Portfolio Management, Financial Institutions, Corporate Finance and Applied Securities Analysis.
- 5. Dr. O'Neal has published numerous papers in peer-reviewed academic and practitioner journals. Most of his papers deal with investments and mutual funds.
- 6. Dr. O'Neal's resume, which includes a list of all publications he has authored within the last 10 years and the cases in which he has

testified as an expert at trial or by deposition within the last four years, is attached as Exhibit 1.

2. Qualifications of Craig J. McCann, Ph.D.

- 7. Dr. McCann is a Principal of Securities Litigation and Consulting Group, Inc. ("SLCG"). Prior to founding SLCG, Dr. McCann was a Director at LECG, a business unit of Navigant Consulting, Inc. Prior to joining LECG, he was Managing Director, Securities Litigation at KPMG LLP for two years.
- 8. Dr. McCann was a senior financial economist in the Office of Economic Analysis at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) from 1992 to 1993 and from 1994 to 1995. While at the SEC, he worked on several securities fraud investigations including allegations of material omissions and misrepresentations. These projects included analysis of materiality, causation, illegal profits, losses avoided, and monetary penalties.
- 9. Dr. McCann earned a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California, at Los Angeles. His dissertation examined the incidence of golden parachutes and their effect on stock prices using an event study. Financial economists use event studies to determine whether information released was material and was previously non-public. Dr. McCann holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. Three years of practical investment management experience and the successful completion of a series of three day-long exams are required to receive the CFA designation.
- 10. Dr. McCann has taught graduate investment management at Georgetown University and at the University of Maryland, College Park. These courses include extensive discussions of securities valuation, portfolio

construction, and performance monitoring. He has held Series 7 and Series 63 National Association of Securities Dealers ("NASD") registrations.

- 11. Dr. McCann's consulting work since he left the SEC has primarily involved the analysis of investments. He has spoken at length at continuing legal education programs sponsored by Bar Associations around the country and by the North American Securities Administrators Association, the SEC, and the Texas Securities Commission. Dr. McCann has been hired as a consultant and expert witness in investigations by many state and federal agencies including the SEC and the Department of Justice.
- 12. Dr. McCann's resume, which includes a list of all publications he has authored within the last 10 years and the cases in which he has testified as an expert at trial or by deposition within the last four years, is attached as Exhibit 2.

3. Remuneration

13. SLCG is being compensated for its time and expenses. Dr. O'Neal's hourly rate is \$475. Dr. McCann's hourly rate is \$475. Other SLCG personnel working on this matter have billing rates of \$100 to \$275 per hour.

II. Materials reviewed

- 14. We have reviewed the following materials:
- a. First Amended Class Action Complaint, April 30, 2009;
- b. Answer, July 16, 2010;
- c. Memorandum & Order on Motion to Dismiss, March 31, 2010;
- d. Memorandum & Order on Class Certification, August 10, 2011;
- e. Published literature including
 - i. Brunnermeier, Markus K., 2009, "Deciphering the Liquidity and Credit Crunch 2007-2008", Journal of Economic Perspectives, 23(1), 77-100.

- ii. Geng, Deng, Craig McCann and Edward O'Neal, 2010, "What Does a Mutual Fund's Average Credit Quality Tell Investors?", Journal of Investing, 19(4), 58–65.
- iii. Geng, Deng, Craig McCann and Edward O'Neal, 2011, "What Does a Mutual Fund's Term Tell Investors?", Journal of Investing, 20(2), 50-57.
- f. Deposition transcripts including
 - i. Robert Rowe, February 21, 2011.
 - ii. Lisa Premo, February 23, 2011.
 - iii. Kasey Phillips, March 15, 2011.
 - iv. Abe Riazati, March 27, 2011.
- g. Evergreen quarterly "Fixed Income Product Reports".
- h. Portfolio holdings and transactions and other documents produced in discovery.
- i. Market data from Bloomberg, LP.
- 15. We will continue to review documents and testimony that may result in supplements and amendments to our report.

III. Assignment

16. We have been asked by counsel for Plaintiffs to evaluate the portfolio holdings and returns to the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund (the "Fund"). We have been asked to determine whether the holdings of the Fund were consistent with how the fund was marketed and with the Fund's self-selected peer group and benchmarks.

IV. Summary of findings

- 17. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund held many long term securities despite being marketed as an ultra short term bond fund.
- 18. Traditional naming conventions in the mutual fund industry and Securities and Exchange Commission guidance require that short term bond

funds have average maturities of less than 3 years. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund had an average maturity of over 25 years.

19. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund reported a measure of interest rate sensitivity which was false and misleading when applied to its portfolio of long term floating-rate bonds with substantial credit risk.

V. Introduction

20. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund ² was marketed to investors as an ultra short bond fund. Evergreen Investments (Wachovia's investment management unit) characterized the fund's investment objectives as:

"The fund seeks to provide current income consistent with preservation of capital and low principal fluctuation. Our strategy is to seek the highest total return by maximizing income and minimizing price fluctuations." ³

21. Evergreen compared the Ultra Short Opportunities Fund's returns and risk profile (market value risk, income risk, credit risk and liability framework risk⁴) to the Lehman Brothers Government/Credit 0-2.5 Year Index (LBGC0-2.5YI) which is an index that includes U.S. Treasuries, U.S. agencies' obligations, and publicly issued debentures and secured notes, both U.S. corporate and foreign, that must be fixed rate with maturities of up to 2.5 years and be rated BBB- or higher.⁵

¹ See Release No. IC-24828; File No. S7-11-97 http://www.sec.gov/rules/final/ic-24828.htm#average

² See for example 2006 annual report filings:

http://sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1060711/000093677206000141/edg148317.htm

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⁴ CFA Program Curriculum, Reading #23 (Level III, 2012)

⁵ Barclays Capital Government/Credit Index Rules https://live.barcap.com/FIA/INDICES/descr/govcred.html

- 22. The Lehman Brothers Government/Credit 0-2.5 Year Index was a custom benchmark, specifically designed for Evergreen. It reflected a very different composition than the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund and therefore different risk profile. For example, while more than 50% of the Ultra Short Opportunities Fund was invested in private-label mortgage backed securities, over 75% of the Lehman Brothers Government/Credit 0-2.5 Year Index was composed of Treasury and securities backed by Government agencies which are considerably safer asset classes than the majority of Evergreen's securities. In the first half of 2008, Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund experienced losses greater than 20% and announced on June 18, 2008 that it would liquidate itself.
 - 23. The SEC defines an ultra short fund as follows:

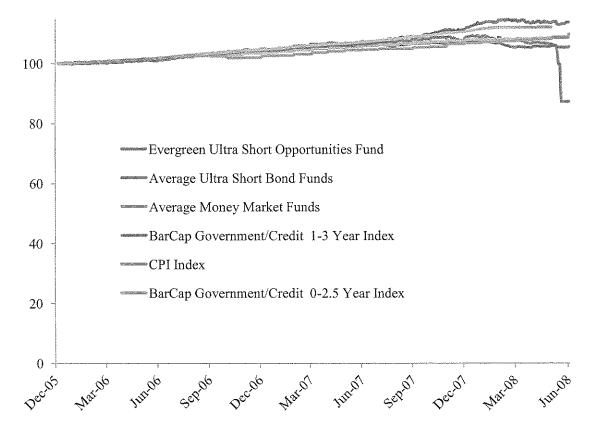
Ultra-short bond funds are mutual funds that generally invest in fixed income securities with extremely short maturities, or time periods in which they become due for payment.⁶

- 24. Contrary to this definition, Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund held large positions in long maturity investments. For example, in 2008 the Fund held more than 60% of its investments in Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS).
- 25. Figure 1 illustrates the value of \$100 invested in the Fund between 2006 and 2008 compared to the average value of \$100 invested in all other funds marketed as ultra short bond funds in the market and the two benchmarks referenced in the Fund's prospectus: The BarCap Government/Credit 0-2.5 Year Index (formerly known as the Lehman Brothers Government/Credit Index) and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). We also include the BarCap Government/Credit 1-3 Year Index in the

⁶ http://www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/ultra-short bond funds.htm

analysis. This index is publicly available at Barclays Capital and closely tracks the Government/Credit 0-2.5 Year Index in risk profile compositions, i.e. duration, liquidity and credit quality.

Figure 1: Evergreen Performance Comparison: Total Return Indices



26. In Figure 2 we plot the value of \$100 invested in the Fund compared to the value of \$100 invested in all other ultra short funds in the market. From the beginning of 2006 through mid-2008, the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund returns were worse than every one of the 29 ultra short funds in the peer group.

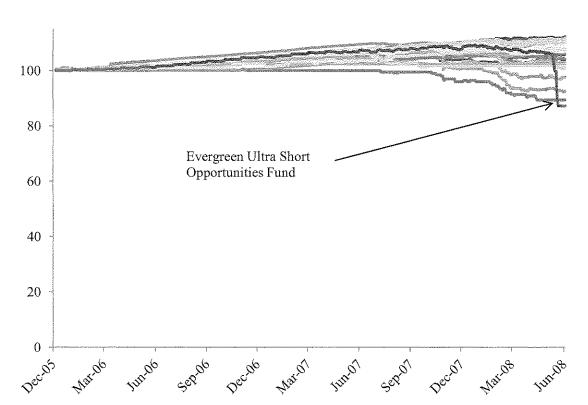


Figure 2: Evergreen Performance Comparison: Total Return Indices of Ultra Short Bond Fund Universe

- 27. Table 1 reports the value of \$100 invested in the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund, the average value of \$100 invested in other ultra short bond funds, money market funds, and the two aforementioned benchmarks. Until the end of March 2008, the value of \$100 invested in the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund tracked its peers. \$100 invested in December 2005 would have been worth \$107.88 had it been invested in the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund. A similar investment in the average ultra short bond fund would have been worth \$105.46 and in the BarCap Government/Credit 0-2.5 Year Index would have been worth \$111.99.
- 28. However, by the end of June 2008, only 3 month later, the value of the \$100 invested in the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund

lost approximately 20% of its value. Similar investments in the Fund's benchmark or in an average ultra short fund would not have had any substantial change of value.

Table 1: Performance of \$100 Invested in Evergreen Fund Compared to the \$100 Invested in Comparable Benchmarks

	Quarter	Evergreen Ultra Short Opportuni	BarCap Gov't / Credit 0- 2.5 Year	BarCap Governme nt/Credit 1-3 Year	Average Ultra Short Bond	Average Money Market	CDI Indov
-	Ending	ties Fund	Index	Index	Fund	Funds	CPI Index
	Dec-05	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Mar-06	\$100.58	\$100.80	\$100.43	\$100.82	\$100.90	\$100.81
	Jun-06	\$101.56	\$101.77	\$101.11	\$101.79	\$101.56	\$101.92
	Sep-06	\$103.33	\$103.44	\$103.20	\$103.06	\$102.52	\$102.83
	Dec-06	\$104.83	\$104.65	\$104.25	\$104.23	\$103.42	\$101.97
	Mar-07	\$106.49	\$106.05	\$105.75	\$105.47	\$104.45	\$103.11
	Jun-07	\$107.30	\$107.18	\$106.50	\$106.39	\$105.52	\$104.42
	Sep-07	\$108.10	\$108.91	\$109.01	\$106.63	\$106.54	\$104.83
	Dec-07	\$108.44	\$110.43	\$111.38	\$106.81	\$107.53	\$106.73
	Mar-08	\$107.88	\$111.99	\$114.41	\$105.46	\$107.99	\$107.80
	$Jun-08^7$	\$87.18	N/A	\$113.20	\$105.40	\$108.56	\$108.68

29. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund invested mainly in a variety of asset-backed securities. Figure 3 shows how the overall holdings of the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund (using fund valuations) evolved over time.

⁷ Reflect values ending on June 18, 2008 as Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund was announced to be liquidated on that day.

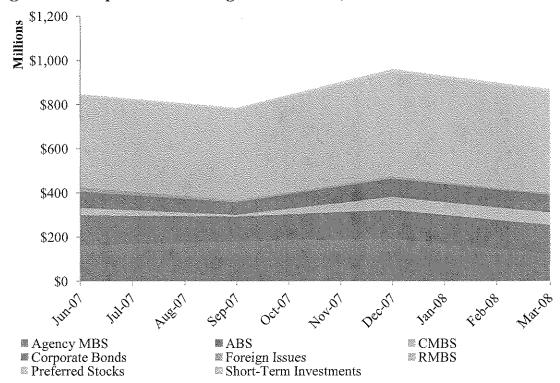


Figure 3: Composition of Evergreen Portfolio, June 2007 - March 2008

30. In Figure 4, we illustrate the portfolio composition of the Fund at the end of March 2008. More than 70% of the fund's investments were in different kinds of private-label asset-backed securities such as RMBS, Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities (CMBS) and general Asset-Backed Securities (ABS). As we will illustrate below, this concentration in asset-backed securities, some of which have very long maturities, was the source of the substantial loss in value the Fund experienced after March 2008. As we explain below, the Fund's own consultants have since found that the Fund's true NAV declined earlier than was reported and was substantially more volatile than the reported NAV.

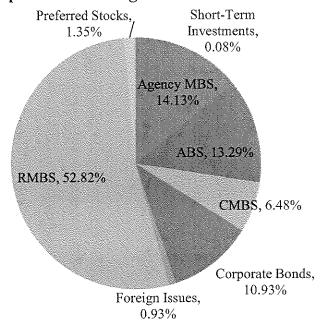


Figure 4: Composition of Evergreen Portfolio as of 3/31/2008.8

VI. AVERAGE MATURITY

31. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund held many long term securities despite being marketed as an ultra short fund which should hold mainly very short term investments. Since some of these investments are complex we start with an example of a typical asset Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund held:

1. An Example

32. In March 2008, Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund held about \$10 million of face value of "Acacia CDO, Ltd.: Ser. 10A: Class C". This subordinate floating rate debt obligation was issued by a Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) trust and had a remaining maturity of more than 38 years (maturing in 9/7/2046). This Acacia security is a good example of four of the characteristics exhibited by many of Evergreen Ultra Short

⁸ These categories are based on the self-categorization of Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund in its financial statements. RMBS do not include subprime investments. ABS includes all subprime investments and non subprime ABS.

Opportunities Fund's investments: it had a very long final maturity (38 years), potential variation in actual maturity, a floating interest rate and substantial credit risk. In Table 2, we list the capital structure of the Acacia CDO. The original balance of this CDO was \$500 million divided among six tranches.

Table 2: Structure of "Acacia CDO, Ltd.: Ser. 10A"

		Original		S&P
Tranche	Tranche Type	Balance	Interest Rate	Rating
A1	Floating Rate	\$ 260,000,000	3M LIBOR + 0.31%	AAA
A2	Floating Rate	\$ 40,000,000	3M LIBOR + 0.43%	AAA
В	Subordinate Floating Rate	\$ 30,000,000	3M LIBOR + 0.55%	AA+
C	Subordinate Floating Rate	\$ 50,000,000	3M LIBOR + 1.30%	A
D	Subordinate Floating Rate	\$ 25,000,000	3M LIBOR + 3.00%	BBB
SUB	Subordinate	\$ 95,000,000	Not Applicable	N/A

33. The top 5 tranches had a floating coupon rate equal to the 3-month LIBOR⁹ plus a fixed spread. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund held the fourth tranche (tranche C) which is a subordinate tranche with a fixed interest rate spread of 1.3% over 3-month LIBOR. This C tranche was rated "A" when issued by Standard & Poor's. Since superior tranches get repaid first, an investment in the C tranche carried greater credit risk as evidenced by the lower rating.

2. Maturities

34. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund reported an average maturity of its investments. In Table 3, we list the reported average maturity of Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund and contrast it with the maturity we calculate using the methodology developed in Deng, McCann, and O'Neal (2011). The reported average maturity by Morningstar was

⁹ The London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) is the interest rate at which banks borrow from other banks, and hence is a common baseline interest rate for variable rate notes.

between 2.6-3.4 years. Based on our analysis of the fund's holdings, we find that Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund's average maturity varied between 26.1 and 28.9 years.

Table 3: Actual vs. Reported Average Maturity of Securities Held by Evergreen

Report Date	Reported Average Effective Duration	Reported Average Maturity (years)	Calculated Average Maturity (years)
Jun-04	1.3	2.8	26.3
Sep-04	1.2	2.7	26.5
Dec-04	1.2	3.2	27.8
Mar-05	1.3	3.2	27.5
Mar-06	0.9		27.8
Sep-06	1.0	2.6	24.3
Sep-07	1.0	3.1	28.9
Dec-07	1.0	3.4	26.6
Mar-08	0.9	3.4	26.1

- 35. Two examples from the fund's holdings in March 2008 illustrate the complexity of the fund's investments and their true maturities. The Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund held: 10
 - \$10 million of "Lehman Brothers Small Balance Comml., Ser. 2007-2A, Class 2A1". This is a tranche in a Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security. This tranche is unique in the sense that it receives interest only on certain payments on the underlying assets, and hence payments may be insufficient on any distribution date to fully cover the unpaid and accrued interests. In March 2008, this CMBS had a remaining term to final maturity of more than 29 years.

¹⁰ http://sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1060711/000113322808000387/e153179ev_h.htm, page 1

2) \$10 million of "First Horizon Mtge. Trust, Ser. 2007-5, Class A1". This is a tranche in a whole loan Mortgage-Backed Collateralized Mortgage Obligation, also with a remaining term to final maturity of more than 20 years.

3. Average Effective Durations

- 36. The maturity of a bond is an important indicator of the risk of a bond. An investor in bonds maturing in three months will not suffer significant losses if risk free interest rates, market-wide credit spreads or liquidity risk premiums increase even if they increase substantially because the investor will receive the face value of the bond in three months unless the specific issuer defaults. An investor in bonds maturing in thirty years on the other hand will suffer significant losses if the risk free interest rate, market-wide credit spreads or liquidity risk premiums increase even if the issuer doesn't default.
- 37. The final maturity of a bond is the date by which the issuer commits to fully repay the principal or face value of the bond. Maturity is an unambiguous concept for non-amortizing bonds since all the principal is paid out on one date when the bond matures. The principal of an amortizing bond, on the other hand, is paid off over time and the maturity date is the date when the last principal payment is made.
- 38. Macaulay duration (typically referred to as "Duration") improves on maturity as an indicator of interest rate risk because it takes into account the timing of the portion of bond value recovered through coupon payments. Simply put, Macaulay duration measures the weighted average term to maturity of a bond it weights the time to receipt of cash flows by the present value of the cash flows. Modified duration is closely related to Macaulay duration and allows us to estimate how the value of a bond or

bond fund changes in response to parallel shifts in the yield curve. A parallel shift in yield curve indicates that the interest rate of all maturities increase or decrease by the same amount. Therefore, Modified duration allows us to quantify the risk in a security due to changes in its yields but assumes that changes in interest rates have no effect on the amount of cash flows.

- 39. Effective duration incorporates changes in bond values due to changes in prepayment behavior and coupon rates resulting from changes in risk free interest rates. It is an important tool for assessing the interest rate risk in agency collateralized mortgage obligations ("agency CMOs"). Changes in the level of risk free interest rates cause cash flows to agency CMO investors to increase or decrease as homeowners adjust their prepayment behavior to changes in interest rates and because some agency CMOs have coupons that float directly or inversely with risk free interest rates.
- 40. While effective duration is an improvement on Macaulay duration for securities that have embedded call or put options and have no credit risk as in agency CMOs, it fails to capture the volatility in a bond or bond fund's price because of changes in the portion of yields attributable to credit risk. that is, effective duration ignores changes in yields-to-maturity caused by credit market-wide credit and liquidity premiums. ¹¹ Moreover, similar to the effect of changes in risk free interest rates on cash flows to, and valuation of, Agency CMOs, changes in credit spreads can alter the cash flows to, and valuation on, private label asset backed securities.

¹¹ As a security becomes more illiquid, the investors demand higher premium to compensate for the risk that their asset cannot be easily converted into cash. Higher liquidity premium indicates higher illiquidity of the bond and as a result the price of the bond falls.

- 41. The effective duration is insensitive to credit and liquidity risk collectively the "yield spread" of a bond or bond fund. In other words, when risk premiums involving higher credit defaults and lower liquidity of an asset increases, the rate of return on a bond increases. The sensitivity of a bond's value to changes in market-wide credit (credit duration) and liquidity premiums and issuer-specific credit and liquidity risk is directly related to the bond's maturity and can be far greater than its sensitivity to changes in risk free interest rates bond's effective duration.
- 42. Of particular importance to this analysis, the following three bonds have the same effective duration even though the 30-year bonds are orders of magnitude more risky than the 3-month bond.
 - 3-month, A-rated bond;
 - 30-year, A-rated floating-rate bond; and
 - 30-year, A-rated fixed-rate bond paired with an interest rate swap.
- 43. The average effective duration reported by mutual funds and used by Morningstar is not a useful measure of risk for ultra short-term and short-term bond funds. Effective duration as typically calculated only measures the sensitivity of bond prices to changes in the risk-free or index levels of interest rates. A bond or bond portfolio can have a lot of credit risk and a high credit or spread duration yet have an extremely low even 0 effective duration as that potentially misleading statistic is calculated. As such, effective duration is a very poor measure of the sensitivity of the value of bonds with credit risk to changes in interest rates. In order to inform the investors of all risks involved in Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund, Evergreen should have reported both the effective duration and credit or spread duration.

44. Furthermore, the effective duration is difficult to calculate when there are embedded options especially for MBS which have prepayment and credit risks. According to the internal document produced by Evergreen Investment Management,12 Evergreen's risk management team and investment team calculate substantially different effective duration values. The duration reported by the risk management team ranges from 2.9 years (without Derivatives) to 3.1 years (with Derivatives) as of August 30th, 2007 while the investment team reported a duration of only 0.95 years.

4. Floating Rates and Average Maturity

- 45. As Table 3 shows, the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund had reported durations of only 0.9 to 1.3 years. The Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund's portfolio had low reported effective durations because it held about half of its portfolio in floating rate investments. For example in March 2008, it held 43.5% of its investment in long maturity securities with floating coupon rates.
- 46. Long maturity securities with floating coupon rates have effective durations close to zero, regardless of their actual maturities. The more floating rate securities Evergreen held, the lower was the effective duration of the portfolio. Such a strategy exposes investors to the credit risk of holding long term maturities, while maintaining an appearance that fund is low risk because of its short duration. For example, Evergreen held more than \$1 million of a security called "Legg Mason Real Estate CDO, Ltd., Ser. 2006-1A, Class E, FRN, 3.43%, 03/25/2038 144A". This is a collateralized debt obligation, essentially a subordinate asset-backed security

¹² Evergreen Internal Document numbered 00308535-1.

that pays a floating rate. It had 28 years to maturity but due to its floating rate it had a very low effective duration.

Table 4: Comparison of the Distribution of the Holding's Duration and Maturity Compared to Its Benchmark.

Panel A: Durations (%)

Duration	Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund				LB Government/Credit 0-2.5 Year Index				r Index	
Date	<1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5-10 Years	10+ Years	<1 <u>Year</u>	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5-10 Years	10+ Years
4Q 2005	50.10	49.90	0	0	0	51.72	46.20	1.33	0.75	0
1Q 2006	52.21	47.79	0	0	0	53.32	44.42	1.41	0.85	0
2Q 2006	55.33	44.67	0	0	0	58.98	41.02	0	0	0
3Q 2006	61.92	38.08	0	0	0	60.02	39.96	0.02	0	0
4Q 2006	61.12	38.88	0	0	0	57.75	42.25	0	0	0
1Q 2007	60.84	39.16	0	0	0	61.84	38.16	0	0	0
2Q 2007	61.09	38.90	0	0	0	61.51	38.49	0	0	0
3Q 2007	57.69	42.31	0	0	0	63.01	36.99	0	0	0
4Q 2007	62.50	37.50	0	0	0	63.59	36.41	0	0	0
1Q 2008	67.22	32.78	0	0	0	62.68	37.32	0	0	0

Panel B: Maturities (%)

<u>Maturity</u>	ty Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund			LB Go	LB Government/Credit 0-2.5 Year Index					
Date	<1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5-10 Years	10+ Years	<1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5-10 Years	10+ Years
4Q 2005	9.62	51.70	21.42	15.05	2.22	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1Q 2006	14.49	53.72	19.48	12.31	0	51.89	45.56	1.60	0.83	0.12
2Q 2006	13.15	51.29	20.60	13.38	1.52	47.54	49.34	2.01	1.09	0.02
3Q 2006	14.54	57.43	20.11	7.87	0.06	46.64	49.91	2.19	1.20	0.06
4Q 2006	10.75	55.49	22.64	10.45	0.68	42.72	53.57	2.28	1.36	0.07
1Q 2007	13.16	51.27	25.03	9.95	0.59	45.63	50.20	2.61	1.48	0.08
2Q 2007	12.62	52.20	21.65	12.80	0.74	45.05	50.70	2.46	1.69	0.11
3Q 2007	11.14	51.29	19.18	17.69	0.70	45.96	50.07	2.39	1.49	0.10
4Q 2007	5.06	60.22	23.91	10.15	0.66	47.53	48.57	2.41	1.32	0.17
1Q 2008	17.74	49.13	19.34	12.93	0.87	49.03	47.75	1.92	1.14	0.15

In Table 4, we compare the distribution of the holdings of the 47. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund's holdings' maturities and durations compared to the fund's benchmark, the Lehman Brothers (BarCap) Government/Credit 0-2.5 Year Index. We can see in Panel A that the distribution of the durations of Evergreen and its benchmark are fairly similar. However, in Panel B, we can see that the distribution of maturities was significantly different between Evergreen and its stated benchmark. The Lehman Brothers Government/Credit 0-2.5 Year Index is comprised mainly of securities with maturities of up to 3 years, roughly half in securities with a maturity of 1 year and half in securities with a maturity of up to 3 years. Contrary to that, Evergreen held at time more than 30% of its portfolio in securities with maturities longer than 3 years. This highlights the fact that one can hold durations constant while having high maturities (thus high credit duration), and that duration alone is not sufficient to gauge the risk of an ultra-short fund.

VII. COMPOSITION OF THE INVESTENTS – DIVERSIFICATION

48. As we showed in Figure 3, a substantial part of the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund's investments were in various forms of mortgage- and asset-backed securities. This composition was not common to all ultra short funds. In Table 5, we calculate the composition of the mean and different quartiles of ultra short funds sorted by their holdings of private label MBS – whose holdings include Residential MBS and Commercial MBS and have significantly greater risks than any other types of securities.

Table 5: Comparison of the Composition of Evergreen's Portfolio with Other Ultra Short Funds as of March 31, 2008

	Private				
	Label	Agency	Corporate		
	MBS	RMBS	Bonds	ABS	Other
Evergreen	59.29%	14.13%	10.93%	13.29%	2.35%
All Ultra Short Fu	ınds:				
75th Percentile	27.00%	54.90%	25.40%	15.60%	33.10%
Mean	16.20%	36.20%	13.10%	9.60%	24.80%
50th Percentile	10.80%	24.60%	4.50%	3.70%	16.40%
25th Percentile	0.00%	8.60%	0.00%	0.00%	7.20%

49. In March 2008, Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund was in the top decile of ultra short funds by MBS holdings with 59.3% of its investments in private label MBS. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund thus had a substantially less diversified portfolio given this large concentration of private label MBS than its peer group funds. Moreover, other funds held more agency asset-backed securities and more securities labeled "other" including short term notes. The Fund's concentration in private label MBS resulted in much greater credit risk than the Fund's peers and resulted in its large credit losses in 2008 and the large decline in value for Evergreen in the first half of 2008.

VIII. LIQUIDITY

50. By mid-2007, the asset and mortgage-backed securities in the U.S. were becoming more illiquid as increasing mortgage delinquencies created a glut of potential sellers and a shortage of potential buyers. As a result, the market for these securities became virtually non-existent and it resulted in a lack of market prices for mortgage backed securities. In Table 6 we describe the distribution of the sources of gains and losses for Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund between June 2007 and March 2008.

Table 6: Decomposition by Source of Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund's Losses and Gains between 6/30/07 to 3/31/08.

Source	Percentage of Losses
ABS and MBS	81.07%
CMBS	6.97%
Bonds	15.39%
Short Term Investments	0.00%
Agency	-7.54%
Preferred Stocks	4.11%

- 51. The gains primarily came from the agency-backed securities while the majority of the losses came from Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund's holdings of MBS and ABS securities. By mid 2007 the ABS and MBS were starting to become illiquid, as Brunnermeier (2009) argues "In July 2007, amid widespread concern about how to value structured products and an erosion of confidence in the reliability of ratings, the market for short-term asset-backed commercial papers began to dry up." ¹³
- 52. Comparing the prices that the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund quoted for some of its holdings to the prices quoted by other funds illustrates that this liquidity hit some of Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund's holdings. For example, in December 2007, the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund held a tranche of the Long Beach Asset Holdings asset back security "LBAHC 2005-WL1 N1". It valued it at \$0.85 a share. SEI owned the same ABS¹⁴ and valued it at \$0.30 a share. One explanation for this wide disparity in the valuation is the fact that this was such an illiquid product that no registered transaction existed in the market to establish a clear market price. This would also indicate how difficult it would have been to sell this security.

¹³ Page 8.

¹⁴ http://sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/804239/000093506908000499/simtngcomb12_07.txt

53. Another example is the asset-backed security "MASTR Asset Securitization Trust Series 2004-3 Class 5A1," that the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund held, which was valued in December 2007 and in March 2008 at \$1.02 a share." Blackrock 15 held a higher tranche (4A15) that gave it a higher priority for the cash flow and hence should be worth at least the same price or more. However, Blackrock priced the 4A15 tranche at only \$0.59 a share in January 2008. These examples highlight that many of the investments held by the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund by the beginning of 2008 were likely to be very illiquid, making it very difficult for the fund to act as an ultra short fund.

IX. INFLATED VALUATIONS OF HOLDINGS AND VOLOATILITY

- 54. There has been speculation in the financial press that a few mutual funds, hedge funds, and investment banks carried structured securities especially mortgage backed securities at significantly inflated values in 2007 and 2008. This behavior would have resulted in inflated mutual fund NAVs and the communication of misleading information about the quality of a fund's assets to its investors.
- 55. To evaluate whether Evergreen was overpricing Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund, we compare Evergreen's valuations to valuations made by other mutual funds or otherwise reported by Bloomberg LP. The comparison for Eight MBS tranches held by the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund in late 2007 or early 2008 are reported in Table 7.

¹⁵ http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/832327/000093041308002106/c52580 nq.htm

Table 7: Examples of Inflated Valuations in the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund

		ergreen Ultra rtunities Func		Alternative Tranche					
Deal Number	Name	Valuation Date	Evergreen Valuation	Name	Valuation Date	Alternative Valuation	Percent Overvalued		
1	B2	3/31/2008	102.51	2A1	3/31/2008	49.38	107.6%		
2	2A5	3/31/2008	98.35	2A2B	3/31/2008	65.00	51.3%		
3	5A1	3/31/2008	101.20	1A1	3/31/2008	79.47	27.3%		
4	2B3	3/31/2008	103.56	1A2A	3/31/2008	77.44	33.7%		
5	В3	12/31/2007	100.04	2A7	12/31/2007	85.43	17.1%		
6	N1	12/31/2007	84.57	N1	12/31/2007	30.00	181.9%		
7	M2	3/31/2008	86.68	M2	3/31/2008	60.84	42.5%		
8	M2	3/31/2008	100.01	M2	3/31/2008	89.78	11.4%		
						Average:	59.1%		

	Deal Mame Deal Name	Alternative Valuation Source
1	Banc of America Mtge., Series 2004-H	Fidelity Puritan Fund
2	Bear Stearns Alternative Loan Trust, Series 2005-2	Seligman Income & Growth Fund, Inc
3	Countrywide Home Loans, Series 2004-HYB8	JPMorgan Ultra Short Term Bond Fund
4	Harborview Mtge. Loan Trust, Series 2005-8	JPMorgan Real Return Fund JPMorgan Diversified Fund
5	Banc of America Mtge., Series 2004-G	Fidelity Advisor Intermediate Bond Fund
6	Long Beach Asset Holdings Corp., Series 2005-WL1	SEI Institutional Managed Trust: Core Fixed Income Fund
7	American Gen. Mtge. Loan Trust, Series 2003-1	Bloomberg
8	Empire Funding Home Loan Owner Trust, Series 1998-2	Bloomberg

56. The last column in the upper half of Table 7 shows Evergreen's overvaluation as a percent of the alternative valuation. The percentages indicate that Evergreen significantly overvalued many of the tranches

relative to the other mutual funds and Bloomberg. The average magnitude of the overvaluation is 59.1% and several tranches were overvalued by considerably more.

57. In cases where an alternative valuation for the tranche held by the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund is not available, a valuation of a more senior tranche from the same deal is used. This is a conservative approach, as the senior tranche should have a higher value than the junior tranche.

Figure 5: Evergreen's Reported NAV vs. Navigant Adjusted NAV

58. Figure 5 shows Evergreen's reported daily NAV compared to Navigant's recalculated NAV for the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund. The price inflation is shown to be consistent over time from February

2007 until the fund was liquidated in June 2008, and both NAVs eventually converged. Consistent with our estimation of NAV in Figure 5, the inflation calculated by Navigant became severe during 2008 – the worst scenario occurred on June 2, 2008 when Evergreen reported NAV was as high as \$9.11 while the adjusted NAV calculated by Navigant was \$7.66. This indicates that the majority of the illiquid holdings of the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund were significantly overpriced. Only 16 days after June 2, 2008, after a time period when the Fund was heavily liquidating its assets, Evergreen reported its NAV of \$7.48 agrees with Navigant's adjusted NAV \$7.51. The steady decline of the adjusted per share NAV affirms that Evergreen set its NAV arbitrarily higher than other mutual funds. Furthermore, by smoothing its NAV, Evergreen concealed from the investors the high volatility of the true value of its asset.

59. Had Evergreen adjusted its inflated NAV as Navigant, the NAV over time would have decreased significantly from mid-2007 to 2008 which violates the Fund's offering materials stating that "the Fund seeks to provide income consistent with preservation of capital and low principal fluctuation." The Fund's annualized monthly volatility would have increased from Evergreen's reported 1.7% to 4.4%, which corresponds to a 160% inflation in volatility. If this information was made available to the investors, they would have had the opportunity to withdraw their investment before it incurred larger losses. Furthermore, Evergreen's reported NAV declined so sharply between June 2, 2008 to June 18, 2008 that it did not leave enough time for investors to realize the severe damage to their holdings in this Fund.

X. CREDIT RISK

- An important metric that investors use to gauge the riskiness of 60. a bond fund is to monitor the credit risk of the fund's investments. In Table 8 Panel B we present the reported average credit rating of the Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund for different points of time. We present its benchmark in Panel A. Average quality reported in Table 8 comes from Standard & Poor's credit ratings which "expresses the agency's opinion about the ability and willingness to an issuer, such as a corporation or state or city government, to meet its financial obligations in full and on time. Credit ratings can also speak to the credit quality of an individual debt issue, such as a corporate note, a municipal bond or a mortgage-backed security, and the relative likelihood that the issue may default." The S&P's credit rating ranges from AAA to D where AAA indicates 'extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments' and D indicates 'payment default on financial commitments'. Credit rating of BBB suggests that the issuer has 'adequate capacity to meet financial commitments, but more subject to adverse economic conditions' and BBB- which is one level below BBB rating is 'considered the lowest investment grade by market participants'. A plus (+) or minus (-) sign next to a rating in the Average Quality column 'show relative standing within the major rating categories'. 16
- 61. Evergreen clearly had a lower average credit quality than its benchmark. The average credit quality was a notch below its benchmark, making the fund substantially riskier than investors could expect from the benchmark to which the fund had compared itself.

¹⁶ Credit Ratings Definitions from S&P. http://www.standardandpoors.com/ratings/definitions-and-faqs/en/us

Table 8: Reported average credit quality and credit composition of Evergreen and its benchmark.

Panel A: Lehman Brothers Government/Credit 0-2.5 Year Index

	Average	US	Gov't				BBB &
Date	Quality	Treasury	Agency	AAA	AA	A	Below
4Q 2005	AAA	55%	22%	3%	5%	11%	5%
1Q 2006	AAA	56%	23%	3%	5%	11%	3%
2Q 2006	AAA	54%	21%	4%	9%	8%	3%
3Q 2006	AAA	54%	21%	4%	10%	8%	3%
4Q 2006	AAA	54%	21%	4%	10%	8%	3%
1Q 2007	AA+	50%	19%	4%	14%	10%	3%
2Q 2007	AA+	0%	0%	74%	14%	9%	3%
3Q 2007	AA+	0%	0%	73%	14%	9%	4%
4Q 2007	AA+	0%	0%	73%	14%	10%	3%
1Q 2008	AAA	0%	0%	74%	13%	9%	4%

Panel B: Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund

Date	Average Quality	US Treasury	Gov't Agency	AAA	AA	A	BBB & Below
4Q 2005	AA	0%	0%	39%	15%	21%	24%
1Q 2006	AA	0%	0%	37%	15%	23%	26%
2Q 2006	AA	0%	0%	32%	16%	29%	23%
3Q 2006	AA	0%	9%	25%	15%	27%	24%
4Q 2006	AA	0%	10%	24%	15%	28%	23%
1Q 2007	AA	0%	17%	25%	12%	23%	23%
2Q 2007	AA	0%	19%	19%	14%	22%	26%
3Q 2007	AA	0%	23%	26%	12%	16%	23%
4Q 2007	AA	0%	22%	27%	11%	17%	23%
1Q 2008	AA	0%	15%	31%	11%	17%	25%

XI. CONCLUSIONS

62. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund lost more than 20% if its value in the second quarter of 2008 which precipitated its liquidation in June of that year. By the end of 2007, the holdings of the fund exhibited characteristics an investor would not expect to be associated with an ultra

short fund. The holdings had very long average maturities of more than 25 years and were heavily concentrated in asset- and mortgage-backed securities. Moreover, these securities were becoming more illiquid and Evergreen's reported average credit ratings overstated the fund's credit quality.

63. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund held a very longterm bond portfolio that was sold to investors as ultra-short term. Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund reported effective durations as short as nine months even though their 20- to 30- year average maturities would usually imply traditional durations of 10 to 15 years. This transformed Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund effectively to a short-term bond funds with credit default swaps written on long term bonds. The extraordinary credit risk resulting from holding long-tem, non-government securities caused Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund to suffer similar losses as a portfolio of 20- and 30-year bonds when credit spreads widened in 2008.

XII Comments

Our understanding of the facts in this case is based upon a preliminary assessment of the documents available to date. continuing to review these documents. To the extent that the facts of the case (after further review of the documents or further fact discovery) differ from our current understanding, our findings may change.

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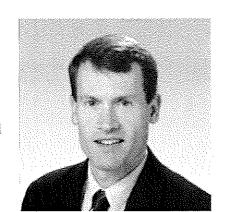
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Key Qualifications

Dr. McCann is Principal, Securities Litigation and Consulting Group, Inc. He is experienced in securities class action litigation, financial analysis, investment management and valuation. Dr. McCann has taught graduate investment management at Georgetown University and at the University of Maryland, College Park. He held a Series 7 and a Series 63 NASD registration and is an NASD-R arbitrator. Dr. McCann is a Chartered Financial Analyst.



Dr. McCann received a B.A. and an M.A. in Economics from the University of Western Ontario and a Doctorate degree in Economics from the University of California, at Los Angeles. Dr. McCann's fields of graduate study were industrial organization, mathematical economics and information and uncertainty. His dissertation examined the incidence of golden parachutes and their effect on stock prices. After receiving his doctorate degree, Dr. McCann taught economics at the University of South Carolina.

Prior to founding Securities Litigation and Consulting Group, Dr. McCann was Director at LECG and Managing Director, Securities Litigation at KPMG. Dr. McCann was a senior financial economist at the Securities and Exchange Commission. There he focused on investment management issues and contributed financial analysis to numerous investigations involving alleged insider trading, securities fraud, personal trading abuses and broker-dealer misconduct.

Dr. McCann was a Senior Consultant at a consulting firm where he managed projects involving alleged securities fraud, insider trading, and market manipulation. These projects included analysis of materiality, causation, damages and class certification. In addition, he has consulted on transfer pricing, breach of contract, labor and antitrust cases as well as on various regulatory matters.

Dr. McCann has published in the Journal of Investing, the Journal of Index Investing the Journal of Legal Economics, the Journal of Applied Corporate Finance and the Harvard Business Review. He has testified in state and federal court, in NASD, NYSE, JAMS and AAA arbitration proceedings and before the United States Senate and has been quoted in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, Money Magazine, Kiplinger Retirement Report and Crain's Investment News.

Professional Experience

SECURITIES LITIGATION AND CONSULTING GROUP, INC.

2000 -

Principal

Provides expert consulting and testifying in securities class actions, investment management, labor and valuation disputes.

Navigant Consulting, Inc. / LECG

1999-2000

Director

Provided expert consulting and testifying in complex litigation.

KPMG llp

1997-1999

Managing Director, Securities Litigation

Directed projects in complex litigation.

University Of Maryland, College Park

1995-1998

Adjunct Professor of Finance

Taught graduate investment management.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

1996

Adjunct Professor of Finance

Taught graduate investment management.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

1995-1997

Senior Consultant

Directed projects in the economics of complex securities litigation.

VIRGINIA TECH

1995-1997

Adjunct Professor of Economics

Taught graduate managerial economics.

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

1994-1995

Professional Fellow and Acting Associate Chief Economist for Policy

Reviewed Commission initiatives and coordinated research in support of Chief Economist. Conducted research into portfolio performance, personal trading and quantitative risk measures.

Provided financial analysis in support of enforcement.

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS CORPORATION

1993-1994

Senior Economist

Directed projects involving analysis of vertical and horizontal practices, mergers, and general

business damages.

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

1992-1993

Academic Fellow

Conducted research into the valuation and expensing of employee stock options, reviewed policy

proposals and supported enforcement actions.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

1987-1992

Assistant Professor

Taught economics, antitrust and public policy towards business at undergraduate, masters, MBA and

doctorate levels.

Education

University of California, Los Angeles

1989

Ph.D., Economics

1986

M.A., Economics

University of Western Ontario

1983

M.A., Economics

1982

B.A., Economics

Chartered Financial Analyst

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Professional Activities

American Economic Association

American Finance Association

Chartered Financial Analyst Institute

Washington Society of Investment Analysts

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Rebuttal Expert Report, May 23, 2011.

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Expert Report, August 24, 2010.

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Expert Report, December 11, 2009.

Florence Smith v National Western Life Insurance Company United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania, Civil Action no. 08-2119

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City of Cedar Rapids and Cedar Rapids/Linn county Solid Waste Agency v. Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC. United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa, Cedar Rapids Division, No. ____

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Expert Report, October 30, 2009.

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Expert Report, June 30, 2006.

Patrick T. Noonan and Nancy J. Noonan v. Hackett Investment Advisors, Inc. et al, Superior Court of Arizona, No. CV2005-010186.

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Stephen F. Johnston et al v Baran Group et al, Superior Court of Fulton County, State of Georgia, Case No. 2004CV89313.

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Expert Report June 9, 2006.

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Deposition Testimony, October 5 and October 12, 2005.

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Deposition Testimony, June 21, 2005.

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Expert Report April 8, 2005.

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